

Element 1 Testing must be retained. CW is as fundamental as knowing the traffic rules that Red lights mean stop, and Green lights mean Go.

We don't give people driver's licenses without a practical test. CW is an essential fallback mode for communications;

The very purpose of Amateur Radio in the US is to provide Emergency Communications capability.

When conditions are poor, CW can be sent, even from the TouchTone Pad on a VHF/UHF HT. If CW is no longer

required, Amateur Radio emergency capabilities will degrade unnecessarily.